

Alexandria Gazette.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1900.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

To open the shutters and throw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

Saw a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!

On Comet! on Cupid! on Dunder and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! dash away! dash away!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too—

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples—how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, to the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a whistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—

"Happy Christmas to all and to all a Good-night!"

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest,

But we can't live without food. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

On account of the Christmas holidays the Southern Railway will sell tickets from points on its lines to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers on the last of one and one-third first-class limited fares for the round trip. Tickets to be valid December 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1900, and January 1, 1901; final limit January 4, 1901. To students and teachers of schools and colleges, upon presentation of certificates, properly signed by president or principal of such institutions, tickets will be sold December 15 to 31, inclusive, between some points, with final limit January 8, 1901. For further information as to rates, schedules, sleeping car service, etc., apply to nearest Southern Railway agent.

Clerical Orders for 1901.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that clerical orders will be issued for the year 1901 to ordained clergy having regular charge of churches located on or near the line of its road. Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 22. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the company and certified to by one of its agents.

Winter Excursion Tickets.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has placed on sale at its principal ticket offices excursion tickets to all prominent winter resorts in New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Cuba, and Central America. The tickets will be sold at the usual low rates, with the usual liberal return limits. An illustrated book, descriptive of winter resorts, and giving routes of travel and rates for tickets, will be furnished free on application to ticket agents.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS.

Northern mails, week days, close at 7:30 a. m. and 1:15, 2:50, 6:50 and 7:55 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 m. and 4:30 p. m. On Sundays Northern mails close at 1:30 p. m. and 7:20 p. m.

Southern mails via Charlottesville, close at 7:50 and 10:55 a. m. and 2:45 and 7:55 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 2:30 and 4:30 p. m.

Southern mails via Richmond, close at 11:30 a. m. and 2:50 and 7:55 p. m. Open at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Manassas Division mails close at 7:50 a. m. and 3:45 p. m. Open at 1 p. m.

Alexandria and Ball's Bluff mails close at 7:25 a. m. and 4 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 2:45 p. m. and 7:55 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Washington mails close at 7:40 and 11:45 a. m., and 1:15, 2:50, 6:50 and 7:55 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 m. and 3:00 and 4:30 p. m.

Office Hours—Open at 8:00 a. m. Close at 6:00 p. m.

Sundays—Open at 9:00 a. m. Close at 9:30 a. m.

Carrier's Schedule—Collection made on route—6:30 and 10:00 a. m., and 3:00 and 5:30 p. m. Full route—6:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. Sunday collection 5:00 p. m. Carrier's window open Sunday 9:00 a. m. and close 9:30 a. m.

Doll return 8:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m., and 4:15 p. m.

All mail should be in office ten minutes before hour indicated for closing.

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AUCTION SALES.

By S. H. Lunt, Auctioneer.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.
By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 24th day of June, 1900, and of record in the land records of the city of Alexandria, Va., in Liber No. 45, folio 397, the undersigned trustee therein named, at the request of the party secured thereby, default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured, will expose for sale at public auction, in front of the Royal Hotel entrance to the Market Building in said city, on

SATURDAY,

the 29th day of December, 1900, at 12 o'clock m., the following property in the said city, to wit:
The LOT beginning on the east side of north Alfred street, 113 feet 9 inches south of Princess street, and at the south line of a 10 foot alley, north 18 feet; thence east 123 feet 5 inches; thence north 18 feet; thence along the line of said alley 123 feet 5 inches; to the place of beginning; and also the lot on the east side of north Alfred street, beginning 151 feet 1 inch south of Princess street, south 25 feet 6 inches; thence east 123 feet 5 inches; thence north 25 feet 6 inches; thence west 123 feet 5 inches to the place of beginning, together with all and singular the improvements thereon and all rights, ways and easements appertaining thereto, in said city of Alexandria, sold last mentioned lot being improved by TWO-STOREY FRAME DWELLING No. 316 north Alfred street.
Terms of sale—Cash. Cost of conveying at expense of purchaser.
RALPH P. BARNARD, Trustee.
(CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.)
Dwight H. Mark, Atty. dec17

PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to Wm. E. Lathan, Chairman of the Committee on Light, will be received at this office until 4 p. m. Thursday, December 27, 1900, for furnishing the Gas Works with TWO THOUSAND TONS (more or less) of GAS COAL (2240 pounds to the ton) to be delivered in the sheds at the works and trimmed up, during a period of one year dating from awarding of contract.
The coal must be Monongah, Tryon, or Youghiogheny. Bidders may either put coal of equal or superior yield and candle power. Bidders can give their figures on all of the mines, and are requested to give candle power, yield, etc., per ton of coal.
Bids will also be received until the same hour and place for furnishing FIVE HUNDRED TONS (more or less) of GEORGE'S CREEK CUMBERLAND COAL (2240 pounds to the ton) for the use of the Electric Light Works, to be furnished by the coal dealer of his own quantities, if necessary, at the sheds at the Electric Light Works during a period of one year, dating from awarding of contract. The committee reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
By order of the Committee on Light, dec14
SAM'L L. MONROE, Clerk.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

STORE AND DWELLING, No. 1011 Cameron street. Apply to Mrs. L. S. MOORE or C. J. W. SUMMERS, 900 Duke street. oct23

FOR RENT.

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FOR SALE.

THIRTY ACRES OF LAND lying immediately in front of the Episcopal Theological Seminary. For terms apply at this office.

LEGAL NOTICES.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 17th day of December, 1900, M. B. Harlow, guardian, et al., vs. Harvey Grant, Exr. Grant, Thomas Grant, Winfield Grant, Charles Dean, Isaac Dean, Alexander Dean, Addison Dean, William Dean and Anna Schlichting, Infancy.
Memo: The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for the settlement and let of the ground in the city of Alexandria, Va., situated at the southeast intersection of Columbus and Wythe streets, of which Harvey Grant died seized and possessed, and the investment of the proceeds of sale under the order of the court for the benefit of the parties entitled thereto.
It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants, Thomas Grant and Winfield Grant, are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that said defendants appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, Va., once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.
A copy—Test:
By JOHN B. BEACH, Clerk.
By J. N. S. GREENAWALD, D. C.
Albert Stuart, Jr. dec18 w4w1w

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1205 King, 2 story b. h. 8 rooms, 1,500

1220 Prince, 3 story b. h. 7 rooms, 1,250

317 Queen, 3 story b. h. 9 rooms, 1,250

714 Wythe, b. h. 6 rooms, 1,600

422 West, b. h. 6 rooms, 1819 ft., 1,900

1216 Prince, b. h. side lot, 1,100

309 s. Washington, b. h. 7 rooms, 2,200

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313 s. Columbus, b. h. 6 r., bath, 9 50

312 s. St. Asaph, b. h. 10 r., bath, 16 00

317 Queen, 8 rooms, 8 00

111 Prince, 8 rooms, 8 00

321 s. St. Asaph, 6 rooms and bath, 16 00

127 Prince, 8 rooms, 10 00

308 King, store and 8 rooms, newly painted and papered, 25 00

616 s. Fairfax, 10 r. s. m. c., 20 00

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512 s. Alfred, 6 rooms, 6 00

706 s. Columbus, 6 rooms, 7 00

211 Wilkes, 6 rooms, 8 50

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"The Century Magazine" will make 1901 "A Year of Romance," Besides a great number of articles, a superb panorama of the Rhine, John Bach McMaster's group of articles on Daniel Webster, color-plates, etc., etc. The Century will present, beginning with November, 1900, the first issue of the new series, Novels and Complete Stories by F. Anstey, Mrs. Burnett, Geo. W. Cable, Winston Churchill, Edna Ass Dix, Hamlin Garland, David Gray, Joel Chandler Harris, Bret Harte, W. D. Howells, Henry James, Sarah Cora Jewett, Rudyard Kipling, J. M. Barrie, W. M. Mitchell, Thomas Nelson Page, Bartha Burke, Flora Annie Steel, Frank B. Stockton, Ruth McEwen Stuart, Gen. Lew Wallace, Charles Dudley Warner, E. Stuart Phelps Ward, Mary E. Wilkins.**"THE HELMET OF NAVARRE,"** a great novel, full of life, adventure, and action, the scene laid in France three hundred years ago, began in the August, 1900 Century, and will continue for several months in the new subscribers to The Century Magazine, who begin with the number for November, 1900, will receive free of charge the three previous numbers, August, September, and October, containing the first chapters of "The Helmet of Navarre," or, if the subscribers are entirely exhausted, they will receive a pamphlet containing all of the chapters of "The Helmet of Navarre" contained in the three numbers.
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MEETINGS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE DUNHAM MACHINE COMPANY will be held at No. 128 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on TUESDAY, January 8, 1901, at 2:30 p. m. By order of the Board of Directors, JAMES K. HAYWARD, Secretary.**NOTICE**—The regular annual meeting of THE WASHINGTON HERB COMPANY will be held DECEMBER 27th, at 2 p. m., at the office of the company, 128 Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va.
M. MARKHAM, Secretary.**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OLD DOMINION PERPETUAL BUILDING FUND ASSOCIATION** will be held on TUESDAY, January 1, 1901, at 7:30 p. m., at the office of James B. Catlett, 1118 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.**NOTICE**—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the GERMAN CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING ASSOCIATION, NO. 5, OF ALEXANDRIA, VA., will be held on THURSDAY, January 3, 1901, at 7:30 p. m. at their office, 1118 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.
JUSTUS SCHNEIDER, Secretary.**THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, D. C.** are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the stockholders of said association will be held at the principal office of the association, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, at eleven o'clock a. m. WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1901.
By order of the Board of Directors, JESSE B. WILSON, Secretary.**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** of the J. BRADLEY DAVIDSON, Executive Committee, ROBERT E. DOAN, JOHN O. JOHNSON, dec19

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the J. B. KNOX EXPRESS COMPANY will be held